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Dear Dr. Deskin:

Thank you for your letters dated August 30, 2003 and October 1, 2003 to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the EPA's High Production Volume (HPV) Challenge Program. We apologize for the delay in responding.

Your letters request that EPA change the status of CAS #27157-94-4 (O,O-ditolyl ester) to no longer HPV.

As you know, EPA posted draft guidance on procedures for removing chemicals that are no longer HPV from the scope of the voluntary HPV Challenge Program on its Chemical Right-to-Know (ChemRTK) website (www.epa.gov/chemrtk) in March 1999. Based on our review of the most up-to-date IUR reporting for years 1998 and 2002, EPA has determined that CAS #27157-94-4 (O,O-ditolyl ester) **does meet** the no longer HPV criteria. The HPV Challenge Program Chemical List will be annotated by designating this chemical with a "5" to indicate that it is no longer HPV.

We will post your letters, accompanied by our reply, on the ChemRTK website as soon as possible. Should you have any questions pertaining to this response, please contact me at (202) 564-4770. If you have general questions concerning the HPV Challenge Program, please submit them through the ChemRTK website comment button or through the TSCA Assistance Information Service (TSCA Hotline) at (202) 554-1404. The TSCA Hotline can also be reached via e-mail at tsc-hotline@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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